

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2024

**Parking** | spots are available in the parking lot and on the Park Drive side of the church. Additional Parking spaces are available across the street, at the school.

**Large Print Bulletins** | If you would like to use a large print bulletin, please help yourself to one on the back pew or ask an usher for assistance.

**OFFERING** | Stationary plates are placed at the rear of the pews for your offerings. Online giving through the church's website is also encouraged. <https://www.gracethornville.org/giving>

**PRAYER** | Linda Dittoe, Larry Arnold, Donna Winegardner, Rick Phillips, Barb, Lynda, David Turner, Jessica Dyer, Cindy, Andrew Smith, Gary Ellis, Darren Haggengjos, Brett Frederickson, Frank Gardull, Betsy Founds, Brett, Margaret, family of Karl Grube, Rebekah, family of Dorothy Pflueger, Ed Otte, Bill Keaser, George, Trudi Moore, Dreama, Bob, Jodi, the Fazakas family, Christina, Carma Little, family of Justin Gottschalk, Caleb, Brittany, Joe Williams, Ken Disbennet, family of Paulette Walters, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Bella, Eddie, Paul. Please pray for an end to bullying and lies. Answered Prayer: Dave Shelly. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**The Church Office** will be closed tomorrow in honor of President's Day.

**Lenten Evening Worship** services will be held each Wednesday during Lent. The Lenten services will be a simple form of evening prayer with a series on the Psalms.

- 6:00p.m. Soup Supper in the fellowship hall.
- 7:00p.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Billy Luft's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on February 8, by the Luft family.

**Hospitalized** this past week: Donna Winegardner in The James.

**Newsletter Articles** for the March *Gracevine* are due in the church office on Tuesday.

**Second Round! "March Madness" Hymn Tournament!** We had over 150 hymns and songs nominated. At someone's suggestion, Pastor Tom decided to expand the tournament to a full 64 bracket rather than simply 16. We will vote each week during Lent, and the "champion hymn" will be announced on Easter. Ballots are located in the box on the table in the gathering space, Deadline for Second Round votes: Tuesday, Feb. 20.

**Easter Lilies** can be ordered now through March 24. Cost is \$20.00 each. The lilies will be used to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, then you may take them home following the 10:30 service. Please use a Lily-order envelope found on the table in the gathering space to place your order, or contact the church office 740-246-6576.

**Thank You** to all of those who supported the youth's Super Bowl Bake Sale!! The youth were able to raise \$595.75 to purchase Easter Bags for the kids of the Thornville Food Pantry. A special Thank You to Jim Roshon, Joanne Maxwell, Amber Feyh, Jessica Rockey, Daria Carr and Theresa Jacobson for donating homemade items.

**EXCITING NEWS!** Our church leadership has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Our dates for photography will be: March 13, March 17, March 20 and April 7. Photos will not be done with a photo company so there will be no pressure to buy family photos. More details will be forthcoming.

**The Children's Worship Bags** have been updated with new items! These bags are located in the back of the sanctuary and are available for children to use during worship service. Please make sure that all bags and items included are returned after the worship service each Sunday.

**You're Invited!** The Grace Lutheran Church Women are hosting an "Irish Spud Lunch" on Sunday, March 17, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service. Menu: Baked Potatoes with a variety of toppings, Salad, Drinks, and Desserts. To determine how much food is needed, please RSVP to Kaye Smith 740-403-1482, Pastor Theresa Jacobson 740-242-2192, or RSVP forms are on the table in the gathering space.

**"Our Daily Bread,"** daily devotionals for March - May are available from the tables in the Gathering Hall and west hallway.

**2024 Altar Flower** sign-up sheet is located at the Congregation Corner in the Gathering Space. Please sign up if you would like flowers on a particular Sunday. Cost is \$40 per arrangement - billed from The Little Flower Shop (formerly Kelley's Flowers). Please contact the office (740-246-6576 or [office@gracethornville.org](mailto:office@gracethornville.org)) for any special wording that you want printed in the bulletin. Your flowers may be taken home following the worship service on your Sunday.

**Blessing Box** - Our Blessing Box is located off the parking lot, in the yard near our church sign. It is a "Little Free Pantry", which provides items to local residents when they need them. These are the items most commonly donated and used to stock the Blessing Box: Canned food with ring-pulls, socks, mittens, crackers, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, bottled water. Special thanks to Luann Cooperrider and the Perry Housing Coalition for installing and filling our Blessing Box.

**Tuesday's Table** is taking a break in February and March to attend the Wednesday soup suppers and worship services. Their next outing will be on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Clay's Café in Hebron.

**"My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns"** - For this coming year, Pr. Tom will be providing a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year, which will be posted on his blog. The hymns chosen correspond roughly to the unfolding church calendar. Hymns provide us with a window into the time and circumstances in which they were written, but they also help us in our own life of prayer as they express the faith of the Church with grace and beauty. The first ten posts are live on his blog. You can access these weekly reflections at the following link, which will also be provided in the weekly email reminder about worship for the coming Sunday: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

**Esther's Place of Grace** is a nonprofit maternity home ministry in Newark, OH. They provide safe, supportive housing for single, pregnant women between the ages of 18-25. Independently funded by churches and individuals, donations are always welcomed and needed. Donate by marking "Esther's Place" on your offering envelope, or mailing a check to Esther's Place of Grace, PO Box 60, Newark OH 43058.

**Pop Tabs** - We will continue this ministry throughout the year. A collection jar for your tabs is in the gathering space. Thank you for your support of Ronald McDonald House with your donation of pop tabs.

**Ways To Serve** - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. Please sign up!

- + **Greeters:** Welcoming people coming for worship, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and more.
- + **Lector:** Reading of the lessons.
- + **Acolytes:** Lighting the candles.
- + **LifeWise Safety:** This takes approximately 2½ to 3 hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays assisting kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back. Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

**"Phishing" Scams** - In our sinful world, there is unfortunately no shortage of people who seek to deceive and take advantage of others. Churches and their leaders are often targets of such scams. Often, such scammers will send emails to church members pretending to be the pastor and then asking for money or gift cards. If you receive one of these emails or other communications, ignore them. Pastor Tom or other NALC church leaders will never contact you in such a manner. If you do receive such an email, please let the church office know.

SCHEDULE FOR FEB 18-25		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	<i>President's Day - Office Closed</i>	
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	2:00pm	J. Rockey
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

**Serving Today:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis  
Greeters: Peggy Shafer (8am)  
Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Becky Winegardner (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
Greeters:  
Lector: Bill Luft (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 8:00: 33; 10:30: 126  
**Giving:** General: \$2,486.; Lancaster Food: \$50.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$55.; Sola Publishing: \$15. TEAF: \$50.; Local Food: \$50.; Backpack: \$450.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$15.; LifeWise: \$100.; Capital Campaign: \$5. Total: \$3,426.00  
Youth Bake Sale: \$ 595.75 Ash Wednesday: \$375; Lily: \$20.